

Dr. Friedman and Dr. Perry

MOHS SURGERY INSTRUCTIONS

Surgery Date:_____ **Surgery Time:**_____

Mohs surgery location: 111 Marble Mill Rd, Marietta, Second floor

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your surgery time. If you are unable to make your appointment please contact the office at least 3 days prior or ASAP as our surgery times are extremely limited.

Before surgery:

- Do not schedule any other appointments or make other plans for the day of your surgery. Plan to be with us **ALL DAY**.
- Please let our office know if you require antibiotics before dental work or procedures.
- If you take Coumadin/Warfarin you will need to get your INR checked 2-3 days prior to your surgery date and report it to our office.
- Avoid alcohol 48 hours prior to surgery.
- **Do Not** stop any of your medications (including blood thinners) prior to surgery unless specifically instructed by a physician.

Day of Surgery:

- Eat a normal breakfast or lunch if you are scheduled in the afternoon.
- Take all of your medications as you normally would.
- Wear comfortable clothing. You may want to dress in layers as our surgical rooms are kept very cool.
- Bring plenty of snacks and drinks for the day. If you are scheduled in the morning, please bring your lunch. There are several nearby restaurants that deliver.
- Bring activities to keep you busy during the day as you will experience long periods of waiting (sometimes 2-3 hours).

- Bring a complete list of all your medications including vitamins and supplements.
- Please do not take your fluid pills (Lasix, furosemide, ect.) that morning. You can resume after you arrive home from surgery.
- If we will be operating on your face, please do not wear any make up.

After surgery:

- You will be given a specific set of wound care instructions.
- You will be scheduled to return to our office usually 7-14 days after surgery for evaluation of your wound/sutures by one of our Surgical Physician Assistants or Medical Assistants. Please be aware this appointment is a post op/suture removal visit only. If you have other concerns, please schedule a separate appointment with your regular dermatologist.
- Plan on wearing a bandage for 7-21 days.
- Expect bruising and swelling around the surgical site. Some swelling may not be noticed for 2-3 days. You may ice the area as needed.
- Avoid strenuous physical activity until the sutures are removed or as determined by your physician.
- Complete healing of the scar may take 6-12 months and feel thick, swollen or lumpy during the first few months.

Please feel free to call us with any other questions or concerns at (770)422-1013.

We wish you a speedy recovery.